



# CORNERSTONE

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## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SMITH

OCTOBER 2020

Dearly beloved of Christ the King,

The Lord be with you.

God told Solomon to ask for whatever the Lord might give him. Solomon asked for wisdom (an understanding mind/discernment). Of all the things that Solomon could have asked for (wealth, power, fame, adulation, long life, the destruction of his enemies), he asked for wisdom. "It pleased the Lord that Solomon asked for this" (1 Kings 3:10). It should be asked, what is wisdom? Perhaps it is even more essential for us to ask ourselves, do I desire this gift – or would I be just as happy with another dose of human superficiality.

Some see wisdom as a pretentious virtue, one that constantly reminds others that they are beneath the sophistication of the wise. Some disparage the use of proper English in our era because it is seen as tool to keep the underclass in their place. Chastity is likewise sneered at because it is a vestige of a bygone Victorian era, a needless exercise in self-denial that prohibits self-expression. Does anyone believe that ours is a wise era? Does anyone believe that our culture is growing wiser? Is wisdom in your prayers? Are you asking the Lord Almighty for a discerning mind?

Virtues, like grapes, come in clusters. Wisdom is never alone. Wisdom is connected to moral strength which is connected to humility which is connected to courage which is connected to compassion which is connected to a devotion to justice.... I could go on. It's interesting that the wise man said this: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10). We've been talking about fear for the last eight months. Very little of this cultural conversation has been about the fear of the Lord. I am quite sure that there is a correlation here, but is there causation? Which is to say, since we do not fear the Lord all that much, we fear the virus plenty. Do you believe that a society that fears the Lord, as Solomon suggests, would be more or less susceptible to panic over the virus? Since, as a people, we are clearly more interested in human superficiality than we are in wisdom are we simply reaping what we have sown by having the threat of this virus be the thing that we fear?

Jesus had a few things to say about fear. One of His most vivid sayings is this: "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). It almost sounds like a threat. "Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" is God. Fear Him, Jesus says. Some of you may not like that. The idea that one should fear God runs against your perception that one cannot fear the

One that we trust, nor do we fear the One who loves us, who dies bearing our sin, who hears our prayers, who gives us all we need for this body and life, who saves us by grace. Cowering in dread – that is certainly one kind of fear, but it is not the biblical understanding of fear, the fear of God to which we are called. Do we not stand in awe and reverence of Holy God? Does God Himself want us to stand in awe and reverence of Him? He is our Creator. He called forth the expanse of the universe by His dynamic Word. He holds your life in His hand. Awe; an active awareness of who He truly is and who you are in relation to Him will generate organically a healthy reverence... a lively fear.

Contrary to expectation, this kind of fear doesn't distance itself from the object of fear but rather clings to it. We cling to the Lord Christ because He is the One who holds life in His hands, our lives. Listen to King David: "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them" (Psalm 34:7). "Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack" (Psalm 34:9). This is a line from the Lutheran Study Bible: "In other words, when we fear God, there is nothing to be afraid of" (pg. 1001). Isn't it interesting that the bible says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and then later on it says that Christ is wisdom (Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God – 1 Corinthians 1:24). Biblically speaking, one can't be genuinely wise apart from Christ. Fear of God drives us to Christ for He is our salvation. Any kind of fear that drives us away from Christ is unwise, demonic, and that fear will exact a wretched price.

Faith answers the next question without a moment's hesitation: Would you rather die of the virus now or die apart from Christ later? Our fervor for the things of God is showing itself to be lacking because we have occupied ourselves with human superficiality. Virtues come in clusters. Wisdom never stands alone. Fear of God is connected to courage in the face of death which is connected to trust in God which is connected to a lively hope which is connected to a deep desire to learn of Christ through His Word. Again, King David: "Blessed is the man... (whose) delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree that yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither" (Psalm 1:1-3). Wisdom is found in the fount of God's Word. Wisdom puts to flight the fear of those things which cannot truly hurt us.

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Interesting... after Jesus tells us to fear God and reminds us that He can put us in hell, He reminds us why He will not do such a thing. What the Lord Christ speaks about at that point is your value. "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. **Fear not**, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29-31). Your value is immense. Christ shed His holy blood for you, gave His very life for you, and continues to give it as you receive His Word, His body and His blood. Such value! We cling to Him with all the force of our fear, our awe for His sacrifice, our reverence for His holiness. It is time for our fear of God to dominate all other fears and thereby set us free from them. Awe of Jesus must increase. Fear of the virus must decrease. That is the beginning of wisdom.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).

Peace be with you (John 20:21),

Pastor Smith



## REFORMATION POTLUCK PICNIC at CTK OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

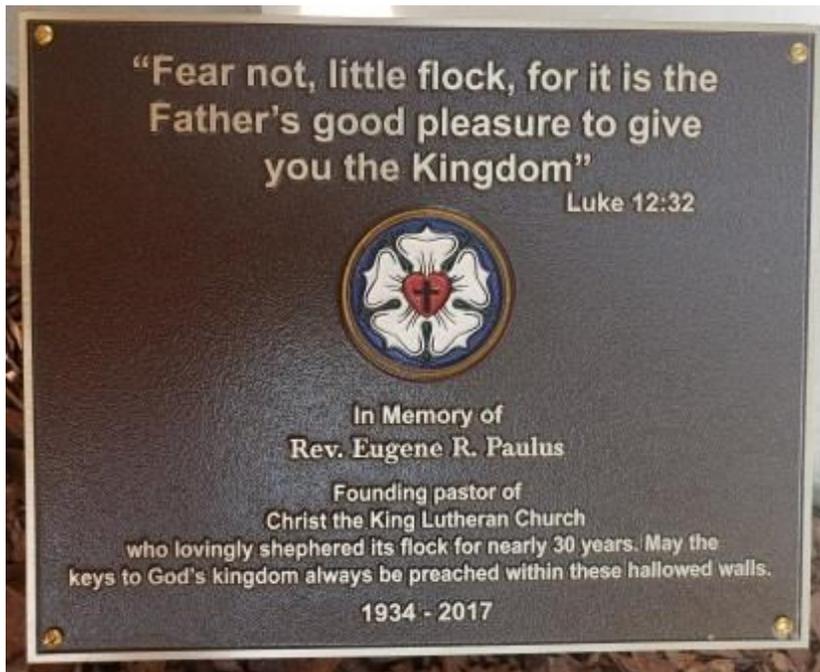
The Evangelism and Stewardship Committees are hosting a Reformation Picnic on October 25<sup>th</sup>, Reformation Sunday, following the 10:30 am Service. The Church will be providing Burgers, Hot Dogs and Brats with the grilling being done fresh by some of our own great grilling experts. We are also planning to have some outdoor fun and games. So come ready to have a blast. Keep your eye out for an attending sign-up board (so we can purchase the right amount of meat) and a sign-up board to bring the much needed side dishes to make this a great celebration, together.



# Welcoming New Members



# The Dedication of the Rev. Eugene R. Paulus Memorial



# What's going on at CTK!

## From the Preschool:

Welcome fall! The school definitely looks forward to cooler weather and fall projects. Classes have been making apple sauce, pumpkin spice playdough and pumpkin bread is sure to be next on the to-do lists. One month into school and the children have adjusted well and love coming to school. I am sadly sharing that we will not be hosting a well loved Harvest Festival this year. We have planned for some fun Harvest Festival type of activities for a school day, a day of fun for the kiddos! November 2nd starts our See's candy fundraiser feel free to purchase a couple of boxes for the fast approaching holidays.

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed.



LWML is getting ready for LWML Sunday on October 4. We'll be announcing the 2020-2021 events and will have lots of goodies to share. We will also be supplying homeless women in Redlands with supplies for this Fall and Winter - blankets, socks and underwear, rain ponchos, etc. We're thrilled to be able to help. Our next luncheon meeting will be Sunday, Nov 8 after the second church service, and we'll be having a social-distanced picnic outside in the courtyard - see you there!

Michele Bush, LWML President

## From the Treasurer:

A new check scanner has been installed in the bookkeeper's office. This is a single check scanner replacing the multi-check scanner which jammed when processing more than one check. We no longer need the multi-check feature as most school parents are paying through tuition express. The new scanner was acquired at no charge from Chase Bank as we are a premium customer. Debbie reports that the new scanner is actually faster than the old one. In the past we only processed school checks with the scanner, but we have now added the capability to scan church tithe offering checks that are received by Debbie in the mail. We now receive a number of these from members using 'bill pay' from their bank accounts as a result of Covid-19. By scanning the mailed checks, we can deposit them the day they are received, which is a big advantage. This biggest advantage of the new scanner is that the school saves \$600 a year in bank fees by not needing the multi-check feature.

Our PPP (Payroll Protection Plan) loan forgiveness application is still being processed. We submitted it on August 25th. Since we have received no questions from the processor, we are hopeful that our application will be accepted by the SBA (Small Business Administration).

Bill Phillips

## From your Board of Elders:

### **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We encourage all the saints of Christ the King to receive the nurturing gift of the Holy Sacrament which is given for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and unity of the brethren. It is unfortunate that we have seen this great gift neglected, even though there are good reasons for temporarily keeping from large gatherings including the Divine Service. We do not want to see anyone jeopardize their health unnecessarily, but we should also remember what it is that we are giving up. We must ask ourselves, "Is it really important to receive the Sacrament?" The short answer is, of course it is, in good times and even more so in challenging times.

Jesus instituted this holy meal where He gives us His very body and blood to continually grant us a good conscience, knowing that we are indeed forgiven and redeemed. This strengthens our faith, ensuring that through great adversity, we trust that His promises are true, and we are securely held in His nail pierced hands.

Lastly, participating in the Lord's Supper is a participation in the Communion of the Saints. Though we are isolated from each other for a time, there is still a way for us to gather with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, and the holy Church throughout the world. What a blessed mystery it is to receive such a remarkable gift.

In light of this, and the other important blessings offered by Christ in His sacred meal, we would like to encourage frequent reception of His Supper. For those who are not comfortable being in attendance in the weekly Divine Service, Pastor Smith would love to bring the Sacrament of the Altar to you. Feel free to reach out to him directly. He will come to you while taking precautions so that you can safely participate in this edifying and unifying meal. While we are apart, we can take comfort in the union the Church lives in through Christ's redemptive work.

Your Board of Elders appreciates the opportunity to serve you, and we thank you for the privilege of doing so.



## Christ the King – Missions

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



September 2020 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
The Blessing Center, Redlands	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
<b>Total Cash Contributions</b>	<b>\$,1600.00</b>

## CTK August 2020 Treasurer's Report



	July 2020	Jan - July 2020
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
400.00 GENERAL OFFERINGS	\$30,052.00	\$222,285.04
420.00 OTHER OPERATING INCOME	\$1,452.00	\$12,507.00
430.00 INTEREST INCOME	\$11.97	\$1,311.57
440.00 FUNDRAISING INCOME	\$32.00	\$4,360.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$31,547.97</b>	<b>\$240,463.61</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
500.00 ACTIVITIES	\$96.80	\$4,038.16
510.00 PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$0.00	\$100.00
520.00 ADMINISTRATION	\$2,256.44	\$18,230.57
530.00 MAINTENANCE	\$6,784.84	\$15,953.00
540.00 MISSIONS	\$1,600.00	\$12,800.00
550.00 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$12,887.12	\$104,050.68
560.00 PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	\$4,225.30	\$33,978.70
570.00 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	\$1,730.85	\$13,292.47
580.00 WORSHIP	\$358.45	\$2,546.36
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$29,939.80</b>	<b>\$204,989.94</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$1,608.17</b>	<b>\$35,473.67</b>



**MITES BUCKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY FOR YOUR DONATIONS**

In light of life's new challenges, and to make it more accessible to donate Mites, the Mites collection buckets will be on the chair with the offering plate on Sundays. Bring any denomination or use the calendar below for fun and creative ideas for daily giving that you could collect during the week, then donate each Sunday. Your change and dollars help our Mites' Missions to spread God's good gifts to those who may not receive them otherwise. God bless and thank you.

**LWML Mite Challenge Calendar  
October 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Lord, I Know I Can't Handle This, But You Can!</p> <p><i>[Cast] all of your anxieties on him, because he cares for you (1 Peter 5:7).</i></p>				<p><b>1</b> Review plans for LWML Sunday: Matt. 21:43. Donate \$1.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Identify church members in distress. Pray for them. Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Pray for God's guidance as LWML leaders and committees plan. Donate 50¢.</p>
<p><b>4</b> <b>LWML Sunday</b> Pray for God's blessings on LWML grants and activities. Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Support church members in distress as you can. Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Sign up for 2-Minute Tuesdays at <a href="http://www.lwml.org">www.lwml.org</a>. Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Read Daniel 1. Stand strong in your faith. God is with you! Donate 50¢.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Sing or pray "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." (LSB 770) Donate 20¢.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Read how God encouraged Moses. Exodus 3-4:17. Donate 5¢.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Pray for caregivers. Share a thank you with a caregiver you know. Donate 10¢.</p>
<p><b>11</b> Listen for words of God's encouragement in today's Scripture lessons. Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Take a treat to your pastor. Remind him of God's support. Donate 20¢.</p>	<p><b>13</b> Read about Abraham in Genesis 22. God is present for you, too! Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Call a friend and pray Luther's Morning Prayer with her/him. Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Call a friend and pray Luther's Evening Prayer with her/him. Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Reflect on how God has supported you this year. Make a list! Donate 50¢.</p>	<p><b>17</b> National Grouch Day! Don't be one. Encourage someone and donate 10¢.</p>
<p><b>18</b> Thank your pastor for his leadership. Donate 18¢.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Thank God for His encouragers. Read Acts 4:32-36. Donate 19¢.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Be an encourager! Remind two people of God's loving grace. Donate 20¢.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Pray for LWML mission grant recipients. <a href="http://www.lwml.org">www.lwml.org</a> Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>22</b> God used Rahab's faith to protect His people. Read Joshua 2. Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Ask God to strengthen those whose ministry puts them in danger. Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>24</b> God gives you strength! Thank Him! Donate 10¢.</p>
<p><b>25</b> Thank God for giving us strength when we struggle on our own! Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>26</b> Our Lord's compassion never fails! Read Lamentations 3:22-24. Donate 20¢.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Gather pumpkins to share. Thank God for His creation. Donate 20¢.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Write Psalm 46:1 on a note; attach to your pumpkins. Share them! Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>29</b> We are like pumpkins — yucky inside — until God takes our sins away. Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>30</b> Read the LWML pledge (<a href="http://www.lwml.org">www.lwml.org</a>). Know He will help us serve Him. Donate 10¢.</p>	<p><b>31</b> All Saints Day tomorrow. Thank God for the blessings of sainted encouragers. Donate 20¢.</p>

# CTK October 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service 11:30 AM Confirmation Class Remember to bring your Mites	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM New Members Class	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	 9:00 AM Benjamin Whittier's Funeral Service
<b>4</b>  8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service 11:30 AM Confirmation Class Remember to bring your Mites	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	<b>7</b>  9:30 AM Adult Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Bible Study 8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ
<b>11</b> 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service Remember to bring your Mites	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	<b>14</b>  9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM New Members Class	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Bible Study 8:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ 10:00 AM Elder Meeting
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## Anniversaries



## Birthdays



10/09 Joseph & Andrea Belli  
10/24 Mike & Sandy Nauman

10/02 Donna Crowley  
10/04 Erick Nowak  
10/05 Ava Belli  
10/09 Dennis Prill  
10/10 Christina Buck  
10/10 Joseph Vasquez

10/11 Caleb Buck  
10/11 Brett Crowley  
10/12 Lauren Hathaway  
10/19 Mike Alhorn  
10/19 Clifford Dawley  
10/19 Mary Beth Gosnell

10/27 Catherine Murano  
10/28 Joe Belli  
10/28 Mary Burns  
10/28 Sharon Haynes  
10/29 Mira Wilson  
10/30 Annie Townsend

If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Cindy Currier at the church office 909-793-5703.



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## Servants for October 2020



DATE	8:00am	CRUCIFER	10:30am	ALTAR	ELDERS
Oct 4	Brett Crowley	Apollo Barlows	Bernice David	Anthony Lombardo	
Oct 11	Brett Crowley	Apollo Barlows	Anna Bush	Tom Crowley	
Oct 18	Brett Crowley	Apollo Barlows	Lorrie Hinkleman	David Alder	
Oct 25	Brett Crowley	Apollo Barlows	Tammy Hathaway	Roger Lowecke	
DATE	FLOWERS		DATE	FINANCE	
Oct 4	LWML		Oct 4	Robert Arnold & Steve Aimar	
Oct 11	Joe & Andrea Belli		Oct 11 & 18	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar	
Oct 18	Mike & Lee Alhorn		Oct 25 & Nov 1	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke	
Oct 25	FLOWERS NEEDED		DATE	USHERS	
				Oct 4 & 11	Loren Scott & Mike Bush
				Oct 18 & 25	Dwayne Danielson & Hayden Ramsay